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SUBJECT: SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS--

GENERAL DEBATE

1. SUMMARY GENERAL DEBATE ENDED AFTERNOON SESSION APRIL 17.
WHILE MOST STATEMNTS IN TWO-DAY DEBATE COVERED FAMILIAR
GROUND, INDIAN PROPOSED GREATLY EXPANDED PROGRAM OF SPACE
APPLICATIONS FINANCED WITH AN "IAEA" - TYPE BUDGET. REGRET
OVER FAILURE OF WORKING GROUP ON REMOTE SENSING TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS WAS FREQUENT THEME AND INDIANS PROPOSED
THAT SPECIAL DRAFTING GROUP BE CONVENED TO DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS
BASED ON WORK OF WGRS FOR CONSIDERATION OF STSC. EXCEPT
FOR BRAZIL, WHICH OPPOSED ANY EFFORT TO DRAFT ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEM
FOR REMOTE
SENSING IN ABSENCE LEGAL FRAMEWORK, STATEMENTS GENERALLY
WERE CAUTIOUS ON LEGAL ASPECTS. USSR
STRESSED COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WITH US. END SUMMARY.

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WM MOST STATEMENTS EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER WGRS

REPORTS FAILURE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AND URGED THAT STSC ADDRESS ITSELF O THIS OMISSION. INDIAN DELEGATE (VELLODI) URGED THAT SPECIAL DRAFTING GROUP BE ORGANIZED TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE STSC'S CONSIDERATIONS. SWEDISH REP (RYDBECK) AND BELIGIAN REP (AERTS) URGED STSC TO ADDRESS ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF REMOTESENSING DATA DISSEMINATIONS, AS OPPOSED TO LEGAL QUESTIONS. AUSTRIAN REP AGREED THAT "OVERLY LEGALISTIC" APPROACH WOULD BE HARMFUL. RYDBECK ALSO MADE POINTS THAT HAZARDS OF REMOTE SENSING "AT PRESENT RESOLUTION" APPROACH WOULD BE HARMFUL. RYDBECK ALSO MADE POINTS THAT HAZARDS OF REMOTE SENSING "AT PRESENT RESOLUTION" DOUBTFUL AND, IN ANY EVENT, MOST OF WORLD ALREADY SENSED. BRAZILIAN REP MADE HARDLINE SPEECH ON IMPORTANCE OF "A FIRM VIEW OF JURIDICAL ASPECTS" (I.E. FROM LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE) BEFORE ANY COMMITMENT TO PARTICULAR ORGANIZATIONAL APPROACH.

3. AUSTRALIAN SAID STSC SHOULD LOSE NO TIME IN MAKING ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMOTE SENSING, LEST THE SUBCOMMITTEE BE REDUCED TO MERE SPECTATOR. HE NOTED, AS HAD RYDBECK, THAT OTHER IMPORTANT SPACE APPLICATIONS PROGRAMS--NOTABLY MARITIME AND NAVAGATIONAL SATELLITES-- WERE BEING DVELOPED WITHOUT CONSIDERATION BY OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE.

4. SWEDISH AND JAPANESE DELS URGED SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON BASIS OF WGRS REPORT. RYDBECK'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A GLOBAL REMOTE SENSING SYSTEM SAW (1) AN INTERNATIONAL "APCE SEGMENT,"POSSIBLY WITHIN UN SUSTEM AND (2) DATA RECEPTION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES OR REGIONAL (AND LARGE-NATION) LEVEL. JAPANESE PREFERRED RECOMMENDATION OF THREE-STEP APPROACH-- (1) NATIONAL DISSEMINATION CENTERS, (2) COORDINATED REGIONAL CENTERS, AND (3) ONLY THEN A FULL-FLEDGED INTERNATIONAL CENTER.

5. ON SPACE APPLICATIONS PROGRAM, GENERAL REMARKS FOCUSED ON NEED TO MAKE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AWARE OF POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS AND TO ASCERTAIN THEIR NEEDS, AUSTRALIAN REP NOTED THAT SIZE AND SCOPE OF SPACE APPLICATIONS PROGRAM DEPENDED ON DETERMINING NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. INDIAN AND INDONESIAN REPS STRESSED NEED FOR EXPANSION OF PROGRAM, WITH INDIAN REP MAKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOST AMBITIOUS PROPOSAL, REPLETE WITH REFERENCES TO AN "IAEA-TYPE" PROGRAM WHICH, TO BE WORTHWHILE, WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST \$250,000 PER YEAR TO START (SEE SEPTEL). AUSTRIAN REP WAS "STRONGLY IN FAVOR" OF EXPANDING PROMOTION OF APPLICATIONS PROGRAM, INCLUDING INCREASE OF FUNDS TO MEET CHANGING NEEDS. JAPANESE MADE NO PROPOSAL IN THIS GENERAL STATEMENT FOR EXPANDED PROGRAM. JAPANESE, WHO APPROACHED US APRIL 16 ABOUT INCREASING

UN SPACE APPLICATIONS EXPERT'S BUDGET, SAID THEY SURMISED
US WAS "CAUTIOUS" ON THIS POINT. WE RESPONDED ALONG
LINES GUIDANCE STATE 76360.

6. SOVIET STATEMENT CONCENTRATED ON SOVIET SPACE
ACTIVITIES SINCE PREVIOUS STSC MEETING, WITH SPECIFIC
REMARKS RESERVED FOR LATER. STATEMENT SEEMED TO
STRESS AREAS OF US-USSR COOPERATION, AND

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